

Amendments to the Specification:

Page 9, after line 17, please insert the following:

Weight-compensating cylinders 104 may be provided between the power tong 2 and the back-up tong 10 in order to take up weight when screwing sensitive threads. A schematic representation of these weight-compensating cylinders 104 is shown in Figure 6.

The back-up tong 10 may also be provided with a traversing lifting device 106 on the underside, to make it possible to lift, e.g. the slips, etc. A schematic representation of a traversing lifting device 106 is shown in Figure 6.